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Egypt's independent High Elections Commission (HEC) announced today that it would facilitate the accreditation of Egyptian civil society observers from over 60 Egyptian NGO's for the 2010 Shura Council elections.

Elections for the Shura Council, the upper house of Egypt's bicameral legislature, will be held on June 1, 2010, with over 450 candidates representing independents and more than a dozen political parties.

At the meeting organized by the National Council for Human Rights, which is organizing the participation of Egyptian civil society observers in the election on behalf of the HEC, the Commission committed itself to delivering accreditation documentation to thousands of observers prior to the election.

Egyptian electoral law allows for a number of election monitors and observers, including judges, candidate representatives, Egyptian civil society observers, and Egyptian and foreign media. Observers will have access to polling stations and district election centers in order to monitor the voting process, and ballot counting.

To read more about today's accreditation of civil society observers, please click [here](#).

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Thirty Years of Egyptian-U.S. Partnership Commemorated Around the Services The Pentagon Channel

Regional security requires regional cooperation, and over the past thirty years Egypt has played a pivotal role in maintaining peace in the Middle East. Its capital, Cairo, is the largest city in Africa, but for the U.S., Cairo also serves as home to America's largest center of military cooperation.

Since its inception in 1980, the Office of Military Cooperation (OMC) in Cairo has focused on helping Egypt modernize its military through programs like the bi-annual Bright Star exercises.

"It was the very courageous decision of the Egyptian and Israeli leaders in 1979 that lead to the peace treaty, and this has truly changed the outlook of this region," said Ambassador Scobey, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt.

Egypt is also America's second largest recipient of foreign military sales, and is one of its strongest partners in the region.

"Egypt has been a consistent partner in the search for peace for many, many years," said Ambassador Scobey.

To watch the broadcast, please click [here](#).

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